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The 9 Border Guard Regiment

1. In June 1952 the 9 Border Guard Regiment, whose headquarters are in Turnu Severin, was reorganized. The regiment now is composed of six battalions which are deployed in the following localities:
 - a. 1 Battalion - Pojejena
 - b. 2 Battalion - Berzasca
 - c. 3 Battalion - Orsova
 - d. 4 Battalion - Turnu Severin
 - e. 5 Battalion - Crivina
 - f. 6 Battalion - Gogosu
2. Each of the battalions have five platoons in the first and two or three platoons in the second line of the border zone. The battalions also have one platoon of cavalry and some battalions have a platoon of soldiers armed with submachine guns.
3. One battalion of the 3 Border Guard Regiment at Oravita has been transferred to the 9 Border Guard Regiment, possibly 4 Battalion stationed at Socol. The battalions at Crivina and Gogosu are newly formed. The officers of this regiment are from the Officers' Border Guard School at Oradea.
4. Through this reorganization the frontier area of this regiment has been lengthened by approximately 60 kilometers. The area reaches from the confluence of the Danube and Nera Rivers to the point of meeting of the Yugoslav, Bulgarian and Rumanian borders.

Fortifications in the Frontier Zone

5. On 21 March 1953 a company of engineers composed of 90 men and equipped with three trucks, arrived at Orsova by train. The unit lives in the barracks formerly used as a training center for recruits. The engineers are putting up barbed wire entanglements and digging trenches from Orsova to the Cerna River.

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They have driven posts about two meters high into the ground. The distance between the posts is approximately two meters. Prongs of half a meter in length have been placed on top of the posts with one fork being turned toward the interior and the other toward the Danube River.

6. Another labor unit, comprised of approximately 800 men, arrived at Orsova and are quartered in barracks behind the market. Civilians have been evacuated from the area around the barracks so there can be no contact with the soldiers. The task of this unit is to build pill boxes from the Cerna River to the shipyard situated two kilometers from Orsova.
7. Construction of fortifications has been speeded up in the Turnu Severin-Timok River sector. Two lines of fortifications have been built up to the village of Gruia and additional construction is under way between Gruia and Pristol. The fortifications are built of steel and concrete and are to be used for heavy machine guns. From two to three such pill boxes are to be found in a line on a one kilometer front. It is reported that three such lines of pill boxes will be built.
8. The construction work is being carried on by labor units composed of approximately 3,000 men who are quartered in the villages of Gogosu, Izvoarele and Gruia.

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